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OF

THE SYNOD

OF

SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA,

AT THEIR SESSIONS

IN COLUMBIA, (S. C.)

DECEMBER, **1831.**

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COLUMBIA, S. C. Dec. 1st, 1831. }
11 *O'Clock, A. M.* }

The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia met, according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Goulding, from Gal. 6–16. "*And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.*"

Constituted with prayer.

PRESENT.

From the Presbytery of South Carolina.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
John B. Kennedy,	Andrew Giles,
Richard B. Cater,	from Rocky River Church.
Alexander Kirkpatrick.	

From the Presbytery of Hopewell.

John Brown, D. D.	Joel Catlin,
Moses Waddel, D. D.	from Augusta.
Thos. Goulding, D. D.	William Dearing
Nathan Hoyt,	from Athens.
R. Chamberlain,	Dr. A. Pond,
Saml. K. Talmage,	from Lexington.
Alonzo Church, D. D.	
James C. Patterson,	
William B. Richards.	
Isaac W. Waddel.	

From the Charleston Union Presbytery.

Benj. M. Palmer, D. D.	Dr. Thos. S. Mills,
Aaron W. Leland, D. D.	from Beach Island.
Wm. A. McDowell, D. D.	
Elipha White.	

From the Presbytery of Harmony.

Rev. John Cousar,	John Johnson,
John M. Erwin,	of Mount Olivet.
Robert W. James,	Edwin Dickey, of Brewington.

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MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
S. S. Davis,	John Taylor,
Robert Means,	of Columbia.
Nich. R. Morgan,	
Urias Powers,	
John Rennie,	
Rufus W. Bailey.	
John M'Ewen.	

From the Presbytery of Georgia.—None.

From the Presbytery of Bethel.

Rev. John B. Davies,	William Stringfellow,
James B. Stafford,	of Fishing Creek.
Cyrus Johnston,	Dr. David George,
Robert B. Campbell,	of Beaver Creek.
John Le Roy Davies.	

ABSENT.

From the Presbytery of South Carolina.

Samuel Davis, Hugh Dickson, Wm. H. Barr, D. D. Anthony W. Ross, Michael Dickson, David Humphrys, Benj. D. Du Pree, Aaron Foster, Arthur A. Mooney, and William Carlisle.

From the Presbytery of Hopewell.

Francis Cummins, D. D. John Boggs, Edward Pharr, Henry Reid, James Gamble, John S. Wilson, Robt. McAlpin, Jesse Stratton, Joseph Y. Alexander, Joseph C. Stiles, John Harrison, Dennis M. Winston, Carlile P. Beman, Saml. J. Cassels, Thos. F. Scott, and Hampden C. Carter.

From the Presbytery of Charleston Union.

George Reid, Benj. Gildersleeve, Joseph Brown, Arthur Buist, Edward Palmer, John Dickson, Zabdael Rogers, and John B. Van Dyck.

From the Presbytery of Harmony.

John Harrington, John M'Farland, William Brearly, and Horace Belknap.

From the Presbytery of Georgia.

William M'Whir, Horace S. Pratt, Nathl. A. Pratt, Lawson Clinton, Robert Quarterman, Heman M. Blodgett, Daniel Baker, and James Olcott.

From the Presbytery of Bethel.

Robert B. Walker, James S. Adams, Aaron Williams, and Daniel L. Gray.

Synod then had a recess until 3 o'clock in the Afternoon.

Thursday Afternoon, 3 o'clock.

Synod met. Present as in the morning. The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The members present, who were absent at the last meeting, rendered reasons for their absence, which were sustained.

Aaron W. Leland, D. D. was chosen Moderator, and John B. Davies, Temporary Clerk.

A letter was read from the Rev. Henry Reid, rendering an excuse for absence from our present meeting.

A Presbyterial Report was presented by the Presbytery of Harmony, which was read and accepted, from which it appears that they have ordained to the Gospel Ministry, Messrs. Jeptha Harrison and Constantine Blodgett. Mr. Blodgett being present, took his seat as a member.

The Presbytery of South Carolina presented no written report ; but it was verbally reported that they had ordained John L. Kennedy as an Evangelist, and that they had received the Rev. Dr. M. Waddel, from the Presbytery of Hopewell, and dismissed the Rev. A. A. Mooney, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Hopewell. Mr. Kennedy being present, took his seat.

The Moderator, Dr. Goulding, and Mr. John Taylor were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the public religious exercises during the present meeting of the Synod.

It was stated to the Synod from the Board of Directors of the Seminary, that the Board had made arrangements for the examination of the Students of the Seminary in presence of the Synod at such time as the Synod might appoint.

Whereupon Resolved, That the Synod attend to this examination to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Presbytery of Charleston Union presented their Presbyterial report, which was read and accepted; from which it appears that they have installed the Rev. John B. Van Dyck, as Pastor of the Salt Catcher Church, and dismissed the Rev. George Reid, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Harmony.

The Presbyterial report of the Presbytery of Georgia was presented, read, and accepted; from which it appears that they have ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry, Mr. Charles C. Jones, and installed him as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Savannah. Mr. Jones being present, took his seat.

The Presbyterial report of the Presbytery of Bethel was presented, read, and accepted. From their report, it appears that they have dissolved the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Daniel L. Gray, over the Church at FairForest,and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of the Western District in the State of Tennessee.

Dr. Brown, John B. Kennedy, Elipha White, Nicholas R. Morgan, and Robert B. Campbell, Ministers,—John Taylor, Dr. Mills, and Joel Catlin, Elders, were appointed a Committee on Bills and Overtures, to meet at this place at half after eight o'clock, to-morrow morning, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon, to receive reports from the several Presbyteries on the state of religion, and Dr. Church, and Messrs. Bailey and Kennedy, were appointed a Committee to prepare a general narrative from these reports.

Adjourned to meet at this place to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday Morning, Dec. 2, 9 o'clock A. M.

Synod met according to adjournment. Present as

yesterday, together with the Rev. Daniel Baker from the Presbytery of Georgia, and the Rev. Wm. Brearly, from the Presbytery of Harmony, whose reasons for not coming sooner were sustained. Consituted with prayer.

Synod, according to the order of the day, attended the examination of the Students of the Theological Seminary. They were examined on Hermeneuticks, Exegesis of the Greek Testament, Natural Theology, the general evidences of Revelation and Biblical History. The examination being closed, Synod had a recess until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday Afternoon, 3 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met. Present as in the forenoon. The minutes of yesterday were read.

The Rev. John L. Kennedy obtained leave of absence after this evening.

The Rev. Benjamin Gildersleeve, a member of the Presbytery of Charleston Union, appeared, and assigned satisfactory reasons for delay.

On motion of Dr. Church, Resolved, that Mr. Gildersleeve be added to the committee on the Narrative.

The Presbytery of Hopewell presented their presbyterial report, which was read and accepted. They report that they have dismissed the Rev. Moses Waddel, *D.D.* to connect himself with the Presbytery of South Carolina, and received as members from other Presbyteries Henry Safford, William Quillen, Edwin Holt, and Arthur M. Mooney, and that they had organized three new Churches. Mr. Quillen being present, took his seat as a member of Synod.

Messrs. Hoyt and White, Ministers, and Dr. Mills elder, were appointed a Committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Johnston ministers, with Dr. Pond elder, were appointed a Committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Hopewell.

Messrs. Brearly aad Richards, Ministers, and Dr. George, Elder, were appointed a Committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Charleston Union.

Messrs. Cater and Chamberlain, Ministers, and Mr. Dickey, Elder, were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Harmony.

Messrs. Rennie and M'Ewen, Ministers, and Mr. Giles elder, were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Georgia.

Messrs. Gildersleeve and Powers, Ministers, and Mr. Johnston, Elder, were appointed a Committeee to review the Records of the Presbytery of Bethel.

Messrs. Baker and James were appointed a Committee to examine the minutes of the General Assembly, and report what subjects, if any, they contain, which may demand the attention of this body.

The Rev. Henry M. Kerr of the Synod of South Carolina, and the Rev. Mr. Burrows of the Synod of New York, being present, on invitation took their seats as corresponding members.

Synod proceeded, according to the order of the day, to receive reports on the state of Religion.

Written reports were received from the Presbyteries of Hopewell, Charleston Union, Harmony, Georgia, and Bethel : from the Presbytery of South Carolina there was no written report.

The Rev. Jephtha Harrison, a member of the Presbytery of Harmony, and Joseph Gaston, an Elder from Richardson church, Bethel Presbytery, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for their delay.

The several Presbyteries being called upon, paid their respective assessments for the stated clerk's salary.

A letter was read from the Rev. W. B. Johnson, accompanied with resolutions passed by the Edgefield Baptist Association, whereupon the following preamble and resolution was adopted :

Whereas the Edgefield Baptist Association did, at their Sessions in October, recommend to the Churches under their care, the observance of the last day of this

year as a day of thanksgiving for the wonderful out pouring of the Holy Spirit throughout its limits and in various parts of the State—and whereas, an invitation has been extended to this body and to the Churches under our care, through the Moderator of the Association, the Rev. William B. Johnson, to unite in the observance of that day, wherefore,

Resolved, That this Synod do recommend to the members of the Churches under our care, to unite in the observance of the last day of this year as a day of thansgiving, in accordance with the invitation which has been extended to them, and also to supplicate the continuance of these gracious manifestations of divine mercy.

The Rev. Messrs. John L. R. Davies and Elipha White, were appointed a Committee to devise ways and means to pay for the publication of the minutes of the last meeting of this Synod.

On motion, it was Resolved, That a Resolution adopted by this Synod at their Sessions in Savannah, requiring that the meetings of this body be held alternately in Columbia and Augusta, be, and it is hereby rescinded.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday Dec. 3.

Synod met. Present as on yesterday. Constituted with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Dr. David George obtained leave of absence.

The Committee appointed to review the Records of the Presbytery of Georgia, reported that their book was not present, and the Committee was discharged.

Mr. John Knox, an Elder from Sumterville Church appeared, and having given satisfactory reasons for delay, took his seat.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented Overture No. 1, viz: "Would it be expedient for this Synod to adopt any measures, or introduce any resolutions touching the religious instruction of our co-

loured population ?" which, on motion, was placed on the docket.

The Presbytery of South Carolina presented a written report on the state of Religion, in their bounds, which was read and accepted.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary submitted as their report in part, their minutes which having been read, was accepted.

In compliance with their recommendation to elect, as soon as possible, a Professor of Sacred Literature and Biblical Criticism, it was Resolved, that Synod proceed immediately to the election of a Professor for that department in the Seminary. The votes of the members were prepared accordingly, and on being counted, it appeared that the Rev. George Howe was duly elected to that office. It was then on motion,

Resolved, That Drs. Brown and Church and Mr. Kennedy be a Committee to wait on Mr. Howe and inform him of his appointment.

Mr. James M'Creight, an Elder from Winnsboro' Church appeared, and having offered satisfactory reasons for delay, took his seat.

Synod proceeded to that part of the report of the Board which relates to the salaries of the Professors in our Theological Seminary, when it was

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, and the use of a house be allowed to Professor Goulding; and the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, to Professor Howe, for the present year.

The Rev. Mr. Burrows was introduced to the Synod by Dr. Palmer, as an agent for the General Assembly's Board of Education with the request that leave be granted Mr. B. to communicate with this body on the subject of his agency. Permission being cordially given, Mr. B. stated in a summary manner, the plan and objects of the Board which he represented, and left it to the Synod to decide whether it was expedient, or not, for them to co-operate with the General Assembly's Board.

This subject was committed to Drs. McDowell

and Brown, and S. S. Davis, with directions to report as soon as practicable.

The Committee appointed to devise ways and means to defray the expense of the publication of the minutes of last year reported the following resolution which was adopted, viz : That each member of this Synod be required to contribute 62 1-2 cents for this object. Messrs. Catlin and Stringfellow were appointed a Committee to receive the contribution from the members, and pay it over to the person to whom it is due.

The Rev. Mr. Boyd obtained leave of absence after this afternoon.

On motion, Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Monday morning, to go into the election of Directors of the Theological Seminary, to supply the place of those members whose term of service expires at the present meeting.

Overture No. 1 was taken up, and after some discussion the speakers yielded to a motion for a recess until half-past 3 o'clock.

Saturday afternoon, half-after 3 o'clock.

The Synod met. Present as in the morning.

The Committees appointed to review the Records of the Presbyteries of Hopewell, of South Carolina, and of Charleston Union, reported that those records were not present.

The Committee on the minutes of the General Assembly made their report, which was accepted.

The committee appointed to review the records of the Presbytery of Bethel, reported, that these records be approved to page 96. Their report was accepted.

The Board of Directors submitted the concluding part of their minutes as their report in full, which was accepted.

Resolved, That the following resolution passed by the Board, be adopted by this Synod viz: that in every congregation which has a pastor, the pastor and elders be a committee to adopt measures for the col-

lection of funds for the contingent expences of the Seminary—that in congregations not under our care, but whose pastor is a member of this body, the Pastor himself be charged with this business, and that he be authorized to associate with him such members of his congregation as he may deem expedient. And in congregations which have no pastor, the elders be a committee for this purpose.

As to the plan of raising funds, the Synod recommend that this be left to the discretion of the several committees. They would simply suggest that in each congregation a meeting be held, and the subject be fully and fairly stated, and a subscription be opened, and as far as may be deemed judicious, circulated among the people.

Dr. M'Dowell and Mr. Gildersleeve were appointed a committee to revise the minutes of the Synod, and have them printed in the usual form.

Adjourned to meet here on Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, Dec. 5.

The Synod met. Present as on Saturday—Constituted with prayer.

The minutes of Saturday were read.

Synod proceeded, according to the order of the day, to elect Directors of the Theological Seminary, and the Rev. J. M'Ewen and I. W. Waddel were appointed a committee to count the votes, and to report the result.

The Committee appointed to prepare a narrative of the state of religion in our b unds presented their report, which being read, was accepted, and is as follows:

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Within the bounds of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, for the year ending Dec. 1st, 1831— Prepared by a Committee of the Synod, and approved by that body, at their late Sessions in Columbia, S. C.

When this Synod was constituted in 1813, it consisted of but 32 members, scattered over the States of South Carolina and Georgia; and their Churches, with but few exceptions, bore a far more striking resemblance to the people of God when dispersed upon the mountains of Israel, without a Shepherd, than when they were collected together in bands, and mutually aiding each other in their march to the land of promise. Now, by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, there are nearly three times that number within the same bounds, to whom the oracles of God are entrusted; and in number, and in strength, and in efficiency, the Churches have increased in perhaps a still greater ratio. This retrospective view is taken in order to alleviate the despondency of such as are still disposed to think "the former days were better than these." Then, though many prayed that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers into his field, no human instrumentality was employed for accomplishing the object. Now, Education Societies are established, and in successful operation, and their fruits are beginning to appear in numbers, who have already gone out under their patronage to preach the everlasting Gospel, and in many more, who are in various stages of preparation for this noble employment. Then, the rising generation were the objects of parental and pastoral solicitude, and great pains were taken, but on a very contracted scale, in training them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Now, Sunday Schools, though lamentable to say, not universally established in our churches, are extending ten times the influence and producing on the community directly and indirectly a hundred

times the effect that had resulted from the former mode of family instruction. Then, Bible Societies and Tract Societies were means of doing good—of preading light—of bringing divine truth to the very door and conscience of every man, that seem never to have occupied a moment's thought. But now what do we behold? A whole nation in which almost every family is supplied with the Word of Life—Whole cities and towns supplied monthly with evangelical Tracts, designed to illustrate and enforce the truth of God—so that the complaint cannot now be made—"no man careth for my soul"—Then, they that "went down to the sea in ships, that did business in great waters," were left to perish without a solitary direct effort for their salvation. Now is seen within our bounds the Bethel Flag. Our Seamen have their places of worship, and their preachers—and Bethel Unions are formed to unite prayer with effort to bring them to God. Then, Ministers and people were all Unions are to participate of that worst of all curses to the health, the peace, and the welfare of society. Now, its use, once thought so necessary to comfort, and the very soul of hospitality, is almost, with one consent, totally abandoned. Then, the annual additions to our churches were very small. It was thought a very considerable accession, when two or three at a comunion season came out from the world and consecrated themselves to the service of God.—But now—and it has only been within a very few years—there are instances when ten, and twenty, and thirty, and even more, become the hopeful subjects of divine grace, during the continuance of a single meeting. In view of these and many other facts, which might be enumerated, we may well adopt the language of inspiration, and ask with mingled emotions of astonishment and joy,—"what hath God wrought?"

By a reference to the Presbyterial Narratives which have been submitted to the Synod, we learn that considerable additions have been made to many of our churches. In the Presbytery of Bethel, in the

North Eastern part of this State, one Church has received on the profession of their faith, 16 new members, and another twenty-five. In Charleston and James Island, within the bounds of the Charleston Union Presbytery, there was enjoyed in the early part of the year a refreshing season—To one of the Churches, whose Pastor is connected with this body an addition of 37 was made at one time to the professed family of Christ, and to three other churches, 10 or 12 each. More recently there has been a revival at Walterboro', under the Ministerial labors of the Rev. Edw. Palmer ; and at Beach Island, under the labors of the Rev. Henry Reid, and a church has been established at Hamburgh as the result of a very general revival of religion in that place. In Harmony Presbytery, the Churches of Darlington, Hopewell, Mount Zion, Harmony, and Winnsboro, have experienced a period of very considerable religious interest, and large additions have been made to the fold of the Great Shepherd. The Revival at Pendleton Old Court House, South-Carolina Presbytery, has resulted in the hopeful conversion of about sixty souls—about forty of these have already united with the Church. In other Churches and congregations, there is also some evidence that God is waiting to be gracious, in the growing zeal and fervent petitions of his believing people.

In the Presbytery of Georgia, the Church at Darien, the 1st Presbyterian Church at Savannah, and the Independent Presbyterian Church of that city, under the pastoral care of a member of this body, have received accessions to their number. In Savannah, particularly, Divine truth has been accompanied with considerable power, and greater additions have been made to the Church of Christ, than at any former period of its history. The labours of a member of that Presbytery, in the country lying between the St. Mary's and the Alatamaha rivers, have been attended with happy results, and a Church is about to be established in that hitherto neglected and desolate region. In

the Presbytery of Hopewell, it may be said of the Churches in the counties of Forsyth, Meriwether, Troup, Henry, Monroe, De Kalb, Jackson, and Columbia, that though they have not enjoyed very extensive Revivals, yet it has pleased God to shed upon them in some considerable measure, the dews of his grace. At Lincolnton, there has been a season of deep interest, and many were the subjects of redeeming mercy. At Athens, the College has shared again in the effusions of the Spirit of God, and between twenty and thirty of the inmates of that institution have bowed at the feet of Jesus, with the hope of pardon. The citizens of the town have also shared in the gracious effusions of the Holy Spirit. The Academy and the Church at Mount Zion, has also been blessed, as also the Churches of Bethany, Mount Olivet, and Milledgeville. At Macon there is at present, evidence that the Spirit of God is there, and in a number of other places which it is not important in the narrative to designate.

These Revivals have been invariably preceded by a deep spirit of prayer and of penitence in the people of God. The preaching most blessed, is that which has been addressed to the conscience and the heart, urging upon Christians the immediate duty of returning from their back slidings ; and upon sinners. their obligations to repent without delay and turn to God. The meetings of Presbyteries have been frequently blessed, and the appointment of four day meetings in almost every instance has been accompanied with such tokens, as evince that, though salvation is of grace, God condescends to work by human instrumentality, and smiles upon these extraordinary efforts of his ministers and people to build up his kingdom. These meetings have often been protracted a number of days longer than the original appointment, the state of feeling being such as to indicate that it was the pleasurs of God, still to bless his truth, and sanctify and save souls. Among the fruits of these Revivals, may be mentioned the reconciling of existing

differences—an increase of brotherly love—and an enlargedness of heart on the part of the people of God. Among those who have been the subjects of them, though persons of all ages have been brought into the fold, Christ has evidently had a special regard to the lambs of the flock—the Teachers and Children of Sunday Schools—the young men in those Colleges and Academies, where proper religious instruction has been given in connexion with their usual studies. An unusual number of men, and of young men have been the subjects of these manifestations of Divine mercy, and what is peculiarly pleasing, is the fact that they have imbibed in a great measure, the spirit of the age, and have embarked in the cause of Temperance and of Sunday Schools and other objects of Christian benevolence with a zeal which promises well for the Church of Christ. Though in the establishment and extension of Christianity, not many wise, not many noble, have been called, we have to record that among recent converts, there are those whose talents and influence are of a superior order, and from whom much is expected in the future efforts of the Church.

Intimately connected with the prosperity of Zion, is the cause of Education, preparatory to the Gospel Ministry. The Theological Seminary of the Synod, at Columbia, has had for the year past, six regular students in the 1st class; and the brightning prospects of this institution are such as to induce the hope, that at no distant day it may send forth annually, large numbers of well qualified and devoted Ministers of the Gospel to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. The Georgia Education Society has thirteen beneficiaries on its funds, and the Presbytery of South Carolina has eight, and have recently made provisions for the establishment of a Manual Labor School, with a reference to the wants of the Church, and the calls for ministerial labor. The other Presbyteries in this State, are also engaged to some extent in the Education cause.

The institution of Sunday Schools in some portions of the Synod has received a new impulse. The South Carolina Sunday School Union, having resolved by the blessing of God, to form a Sunday School in every neighborhood through the State where it was practicable, have two Agents in the field, one of whom has been in the employment for a considerable time. Besides these, two of the Students of the Theological Seminary spent a month each, during the late vacation in promoting the same object. And from their several reports abundant evidence is derived that the prospect of success in this important and arduous enterprize brightens in the progress of effort.

From past success, we may reasonably anticipate that the object of this resolution will be accomplished at no remote period. In some portions of the Synod, however, we regret to say that our Churches are not all awake to this subject. Hundreds, and even thousands of children could be gathered into these nurseries of piety and virtue, would our Ministers and people make proper exertions. And to stimulate them to this good work, let them be reminded that in the accessions which have been made to the Churches during the year past, a peculiar blessing has rested upon the teachers and the children of Sunday Schools.

In reference to the subject of Temperance, we are gratified in receiving testimony from every portion of the Synod, that this cause, recent in its origin, but immensely important in its results upon the welfare of society and the interests of religion, is steadily, and in some instances, rapidly gaining ground. Yet much remains to be done before the use of Ardent Spirits shall be entirely abolished. And Christians may well inquire whether they can, in view of all the injury to health and morals, and religion, which can be traced to this source, conscientiously traffic in the article.

Other benevolent objects have occupied the attention of the past year, without any diminution, either

of interest or of effort. The supply of every family with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, is not quite completed. The monthly distribution of Tracts in Charleston, and in some other places of the Synod, has been attended with happy effects. The Depository for Bibles, Tracts, and Sunday School Books in Charleston, furnishes to individuals and Societies, a very convenient medium, through which their supplies are obtained, and is exerting a very extensive influence. The cause of Seamen is also one of special interest, and those who have hitherto been engaged in its promotion, are still moving on in their efforts to bring the sons of the deep to the knowledge of the truth. For Foreign Missions, but little has been done, and in the multitude of other calls upon the Churches, Domestic Missions remains much in the same state as reported the last year. In one feature, however, they have assumed an aspect which deserves a more particular notice than can be given it in this brief narrative. All along our Sea Coast, much feeling has been awakened in reference to our colored population, and inquiries have been instituted with the view of ascertaining the best means of furnishing them religious instruction. Hitherto it has been almost entirely neglected, or left to black preachers, who are for the most part, incapable of instructing others in the way of salvation. Many Planters have taken the subject into their own hands, and either give them moral religious instruction themselves, or procure it for them from regular Ministers of the Gospel. Societies of Planters have also been formed with this express object in view; and the result of experience upon this plan, so far as it has been adopted, is favorable both to the interest of the planter, and the morals of his slaves. Such a result is indeed the natural fruit of the Gospel wherever it is dispensed in its purity and simplicity, to immortal minds.

In concluding this narrative, we would observe that our remarks have been principally confined to the bright side of the picture. Viewed in another as-

pect it would appear that there are not a few, but many, very many things against us. In very many of our Churches there is nothing like the *spirit* of a revival, and where some have been awakened, they have soon alas! relapsed into their former state of coldness and apathy. Many professors of religion in our Churches make no effort to become acquainted with what God is accomplishing in the earth. Their hearts are not enlarged by gazing at the triumphs of the cross, and giving a helping hand to the great objects of benevolence for which this age is distinguished. The spirit of the world, which is at enmity with God, engrosses most of their time and talents, for which they must render an account. And without dwelling upon further particulars, let the exhortation be given to every man to inquire diligently into the state of his own soul, and into the requirements of God, respecting his immediate duty. For what is done should be done quickly. "To-Day," says Jehovah, "if ye will hear my voice harden not your hearts." The word of God urges us to awake. The Providence of God indicates that now is the accepted time. The harvest is ripe. Let the sickle be thrust in, and let none excuse themselves from the labor, and then they will participate in the joy, and be owned and accepted in the day of reckoning. Another year, all the Ministers of this Synod have been spared, amid the ravages of the great Destroyer. And when their number, and their circumstances, and the advanced age of some of them, and the feebleness of others, are taken into consideration, it seems that God has been in a special manner fulfilling his promises to his people that "with long life he will satisfy them," and that "they shall bear fruit even in their old age." But the members of this body cannot promise themselves a long continuance of life. They ought not to do it. They should remember that time is short—and be ready at any moment to render an account of their stewardship. May God make them faithful even unto death, and afterward receive them to glory.

The Committee appointed to wait on Mr. Howe and inform him of his election, reported that they had done so, and that Mr. Howe was present and would give his answer to the Synod.

The Rev. Mr. Howe being called upon, arose and expressed his thanks to the Synod for the confidence reposed in him, and signified his acceptance of the appointment.

The Committee appointed to review the records of the Presbytery of Harmony, reported that those records were not present.

The Committee appointed to report on the subject of the General Assembly's Board of Education, as presented by Mr. Burrows, submitted the following which was adopted, viz:

The Committee appointed to report on the subject submitted to their consideration by the agent of the Board of Education of the General Assembly, beg leave as their report to submit the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod cordially approve the principles on which the Assembly's Board of Education is organized, as set forth in their circular to the churches under the care of the Assembly.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod do earnestly recommend to the Presbyteries and Churches within their bounds, to co-operate with the Board, either by becoming auxiliary on the plan prescribed by the Constitution; or, affording their countenance, and in such other ways as shall seem to them most expedient —and that the stated clerk be directed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Secretary of the Board.

The Committee appointed to collect the assessment of the members for printing the minutes, reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and that there remains in hand a balance of $4 18¾, which was committed to Mr. Gildersleeve.

The Rev. Dr. Church and Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Dearing and Mr. Catlin obtained leave of absence, after 12 o'clock to-day.

Letters from the Rev. Messrs. Thomas F. Scott,

David Humphrys and Horace S. Pratt were read, offering respectively their reasons for absence, which were sustained.

1. *Resolved*, That it be recommended according to the directions of the last General Assembly to all the ministers in this Synod, to preach at least, once during the year, on the subject of the Sabbath; shewing particularly, the moral obligation of the Sabbath, and pointing out the ways in which it is violated, and the consequence of these violations.

2. That it be affectionately and earnestly recommended on all our churches, that measures be immediately taken to bring all the members of our churches under a voluntary obligation to abstain from all violations of this holy day, according to the plan suggested by the General Union, for promoting the observance of the Sabbath.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the inhabitants of Columbia, for the hospitality to its members during the present meeting, and that Dr. Goulding be charged to communicate the same this evening at Church.

On motion Resolved, That every member of this body exert himself to collect books for the Seminary.

Overture No. 1. being still under considerations, it was Resolved to adopt the following minute, viz:

The Synod deeply sympathize with the citizens of South-Carolina and Georgia, in their present feelings in regard to our colored population. They are, many of them, personally interested in this species of property, and feel themselves called upon to co-operate as citizens in all measures that have for their object the preservation of the good order of Society. They concur in the opinion which seems to be general, that this class of our population do need proper religious instruction, and they look with satisfaction upon the proceedings which have taken place in different parts of the two States in relation thereto. They do also concur in the opinion general amongst our citizens, that the preaching of coloured men should be subject-

ed to stricter regulations, or set aside, and that competent white instructers be employed in their stead.—They deem this the only wise and salutary method of procedure in the case. They would, therefore, feel themselves bound to do all in their power to communicate such religious instruction as is in perfect correspondence with the civil institutions of our country.—And as Ministers of the Gospel, they hold themselves in readiness to meet, as far as possible, the demands which may be made upon them for the religious instructions of our coloured population whenever they may be called upon by their fellow-citizens for that purpose; and they do affectionately and especially recommend to the Sessions of our different Churches, to take a lively interest in, and further the religious instruction of this part of our population as far as it may be in their power.

The Committee appointed to count the votes for Directors of the Theological Seminary, reported that the following Ministers and Laymen were chosen for the three years ensuing, viz:

Ministers.—Rev. Dr. W. A. M'Dowell, Dr. B. M. Palmer, Joseph C. Stiles, S. S. Davis, B. Gildersleeve, and Dr. A. Church.

Laymen.—J. K. Douglass, C. M'Intire, B. King, and W. Seabrook.

The Synod had a recess until 3 o'clock.

Monday afternoon, 3 o'clock.

Synod met. Present as in the morning.

The Rev. J. M'Ewen and Mr. J. Knox, obtained leave of absence the remainder of the Session.

Mr. Desaussure, an Elder, from Camden, appeared, and having given satisfactory reasons for absence, took his seat.

Mr. George W. Boggs, a licentiate, and late a student in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, was introduced to the Synod as a Missionary for the heathen about to embark for India, where he expects to labor. The fact that Mr. Boggs is a native of this State was interesting to the Synod, and will, proba-

bly, be interesting to our churches—After listening to a statement from Mr. Boggs, it was on motion :

Resolved, That this Synod cordially recommend Mr. Boggs and his object to the Churches which he may visit in our bound,—and that we regard the expected embarkation of our brother to the station of Bombay, as imposing a peculiar moral obligation on the Southern churches to enter with more spirit, and to a greater extent than heretofore, upon the Missionary enterprize.

2. That this Synod pledge themselves to ensure the support of brother Boggs, so long as he shall devote himself to foreign Missions.

Resolved, That the Synod have heard with peculiar satisfaction, that the Rev. Daniel Baker, at present Pastor of the Independent Church Savannah had come to the determination to devote himself to the work of an Evangelist, within the bounds of this Synod. This cause has their decided approbation, and the Synod cheerfully promise Mr. Baker their aid in this work, in all the ways in which they can aid, and they can assure their brother, that the good wishes and the prayers of the members of this body will go with him.

Whereas a Communication was received from Mount Olivet church; a committee was appointed to report on the same, which committee report "that in their view all that is necessary on this subject is that the clerk write a respectful answer to that communication assuring the Church of Mount Olivet, that this Synod claim no authority to lay any tax upon the Churches, and that their resolution, concerning the Theological Seminary was introduced as a recommendation, to be adopted, or rejected, as the church might see proper."

The minutes were read and approved.

Synod then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church, in the city of Augusta, on the third Thursday in November, 1832, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer, praise, and the benediction.

A. W. LELAND, *Moderator.*

JOHN B. DAVEES, *Temporary Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD.

COLUMBIA, *Wednesday, Nov.* 30, 1831. }
7 o'clock, P. M. }

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of South Carolina and Georgia, met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

PRESENT.

Ministers.	*Laymen.*
Moses Waddel, D. D.	Col. John Taylor,
A. W. Leland, D. D.	Wm. Dearing,
John Cousar,	David R. Evans.
W. A. M'Dowell, D. D.	
Robert W. James,	
S. S. Davis,	
E. White,	
Samuel K. Talmage,	
John B. Davies.	

In the absence of the President, Col. John Taylor, V. President, took the chair.

The minutes of the last year were read.

A report from the Treasurer was received and read before the Board.

Dr. M'Dowell, Mr. Dearing, and Mr. Evans were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's account. It was also referred to the same committee to ascertain and report the whole amount of the permanent fund belonging to the Board—and in what this fund consists.—How much is on subscrip-

tion—How much in Notes, and how much in money. Also, to report the whole amount at present due the permanent fund from the contingent fund; and to report a plan for increasing the permanent fund.

To the same Committee was also referred, to report a plan for raising a contingent Fund, and furnishing the Board with the means of liquidating the debt now due the permanent Fund.

A Report from the Committee of Investigation was read before the Board, and referred to the committee on the Treasurer's accounts.

The Secretary laid before the Board, a Report from Professor Goulding, which was read and accepted.

On motion, Resolved, That Dr. Leland, Mr. Davis, Dr. Waddel, and Mr. Talmage be appointed a Committee on the Library, to report its present state, and what may be required of the Board, for the current year.

Col. John Taylor, Mr. White, and Mr. Cousar, were appointed a Committee to inquire into the present state of the buildings belonging to the Seminary, and to report whatever may require the attention of the Board in reference to the accommodation of our Professor and Students.

The subject of appointing at the present Meeting of the Synod, an additional Professor in the Seminary as suggested in professor Goulding's report, was called up, and after some discussion, it was, on motion.

Resolved, That Dr. Waddel and Dr. M'Dowell be a Committee, to report on the subject, as soon as practicable.

The subject of the examination of the Students at the present meeting was called up, when it was, on motion

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Synod, to attend to this examination on Friday, commencing at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning, Dec. 1st, 9 o'clock.

The Board met according to Adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Present as yesterday, together with the Rev. Dr. Palmer, President of the Board.

The Minutes of yesterday were read. On motion,

Resolved, That Col. John Taylor, Mr. Talmage, and Mr. White, be added to the committee on the Treasurer's Report.

The Committee on that part of the Professor's report, which refers to the appointment of an additional professor, at the present Meeting of the Synod, reported, that they had attended to this subject, and the result of their inquiries, and their reflections, is, a full conviction that such appointment is at present not only desirable, but absolutely necessary for the good of the Seminary. They have also made inquiries respecting the Rev. George Howe, at present the Teacher of Languages in the Seminary, and have had a free conversation with Mr. Howe, respecting his doctrinal views, &c. And the result of their inquiries on this point has been that Mr. Howe, is, in all respects, peculiarily qualified to fill the Professorship of Sacred Literature and Biblical Criticism, and that his appointment to this Professorship, at the present time, will be of essential importance to the Institution.

The Committee would, therefore, submit to the Board the following Resolutions, viz :

Resolved, 1. That it be recommended to the Synod, during their present Sessions, to elect a professor of Sacred Literature, and Biblical Criticism in the Seminary.

Resolved, 2. That the Rev. George Howe be nominated to the Synod, to fill this Professorship.

After this Report was submitted, the time having arrived for the meeting of the Synod, the Board had a recess to meet again at the call of the President.

Thursday evening, half-past 6 o'clock.

The Board met at the call of the President. Present as in the morning, together with the Rev. Robert Means.

The Board proceeded to consider the Resolutions recommended in the Report of the Committee, on the appointment of an additional Professor. After due consideration, these resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The General Agent, appointed by the Board at their last meeting to collect Funds for the Seminary, being called upon to report, stated that circumstances, not under his controul, had prevented his engaging in this Agency,—and that he has not been able to do any thing in this business.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. McDowell, be re-appointed a general Agent on the same terms as last year, and that he be urged to embark in this business, as speedily as practicable.

The Agents appointed in the several Presbyteries to collect funds, being called upon the Rev. Mr. James, Mr. John B. Davies, Mr. White, and Mr. S. S. Davis, reported, that they had attended to this subject; some Subscriptions had been obtained, and some monies received, which had been paid to the Treasurer.

The other Agents present, reported that for reasons which they stated, they had not done any thing in the way of collecting funds.

On motion Resolved, That the Sermon before the Seminary be preached in the Presbyterian Church, in this town, on Sabbath evening.

The Board then adjourned to meet again, at the call of the President.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday evening, Dec. 2, half-past 8 o'clock.

The Board met at the call of the President, and was opened with prayer.

The Secretary submitted a communication from

Col. A. Blanding, in reference to the buildings by him purchased and secured to the Seminary, which was read before the Board; and after some remarks, was referred to Mr. Means and Mr. James, as a Committee, to report on it as soon as practicable.

On motion Resolved, That it be recommended to the Synod, to allow professor Goulding, as a Salary, the sum of $1500, and a house.

On motion, Resolved, That in case the Synod elect the Rev. Mr. Howe professor, according to the recommendation of this Board, that it be further recommended to the Synod, to fix his salary at $1500 per annum.

The Board then had a recess to meet again at the call of the President.

Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met at the call of the President.

It was stated to the Board, that no fixed regulations had been made for the vacations in the Seminary, and for the public examinations of the Students.—Col. Taylor, Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Davis were appointed a Committee to report on these subjects.

The Committee on the Reports of the Treasurer, and of the Committee of Investment, made their report, which being read, was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The Committee on the Report of the Treasurer and committee of Investment, beg leave to Report, that they have examined the report of the Treasurer, and compared the several items with the vouchers, and find the whole correct.

The Committee have carefully examined into the present state of the funds of the Seminary, and present the following schedule:

Property and Permanent Funds of the Seminary.

1. Buildings and Land,		$14,000 00
2. Nephew scholarship,		2,500 00
3. Scholarship of the Female Con. and Pres. Ed. Soc. Charleston,		2,500 00
4. Rev. Mr. White's subscription list,		5,510 00
5. Rev. Mr. Cater's bond,		3,863 24
6. Rev. H. Reid's Note,		322 00
		$28,695 24
Amount in Notes,		2006 00
Borrowed from this Fund for the Contingent Fund,		
In 1829,	$800 00	
1830,	927 87	
1831,	1041 62	
		$2,769 50
Total,		$33,470 50

In addition to the above, the Committee have ascertained that there were some other subscriptions, to what amount exactly they are not able to report. There is also provision made for the support of several Students, in addition to what is provided for in the foregoing schedule. In Charleston, for three or four Students. In Columbia, one student is supported by a benevolent member of this Board. And the Ladies of this town have given a pledge for the support of another Student. This provision for the support of indigent students answers the same purpose as so much permanent fund.

Of the funds mentioned. The committee have understood that more than half of the amount of Mr. Cater's bond has been collected,&c. and of Mr. White's subscriptions $140 00 have been paid into the Treasury.

In regard to a plan for increasing the Permanent Fund, the Committee do not know of any better plan than that which the Board have adopted the appointment of a general Agent, to collect funds. They

have therefore, nothing to propose at present in addition. They would simply suggest to the Board, the importance of making some provision before the Board rise to meet any emergency, in case of the failure of the Agent, or from any other circumstance.

In reference to a contingent Fund to meet the expenses of the current year the Committeo feel that this is a subject which demands the special attention of the Board, and will require the united, prompt, and decided efforts of the friends of the Seminary.

Until the Board have a productive permanent fund, the Seminary must defend upon annual contributions for its support. During the past year, the Board have been compelled to borrow more than $1000, from the permanent Fund, to meet current expenses, and more than double that sum is now owing the same fund.—The Committee think that the Board should provide, not only against any similar drafts on the principal of our permanent fund, but also,as speedily as possible,to pay back what has been used.

The expenses of the current year, it is expected, will be greater than those of the past.

The Committee have been rejoiced to learn, that the Charleston Union Presbytery have given their pledge to raise during the year, for the contingent fund, the full amount of the Salary of one Professor.

To make further provision, the Committee submit the following resolutions :

Resolved 1, That in every Congregation which has a Pastor; the Pastor and Elders be a committee to attend to the collection of funds, for this object. That in Congregations not under our care, but whose pastor is a member of this body, the Pastor himself be charged with this business, and that he be authorized to associate with him, such members of his Congregation, as he may deem expedient—and, in Congregations which have no Pastor, the Elders be a committee for this purpose.

As to the plan of raising Funds, the Committee would recommend that this be left to the discretion of the several committees. They would simply suggest, that in each congregation, a meeting be held, and the subject be fully and fairly stated—and an annual Subscription be opened, and, as far as is deemed judicious, circulated among the people.

Resolved 2, That a Circular be immediately prepared by the President and Secretary of the Board, and signed by these officers, and sent to all our Churches, urging upon our people the wants and claims of the Seminary.

The Committee would further report, That they have had an interview with the Rev. Mr. Cater, and he stated, he had paid back to Subscribers to the funds of the Seminary, monies to a considerable amount, and he desired to have these funds eredited on his bond.

The Committee examined Mr. Cater's receipts, and find that he has refunded to Subscribers, to the amount of $926 40.—and Mr. Cater has stated to them, that further demands to the amount of $98. have been made upon him, and which he feels bound to meet.—Beyond this, Mr. Cater thinks applications for refunding will probably not be made.

On this subject, the Committee submit the following resolutions:

Resolved 1, That the Committee of Investment be directed, according to the engagement of the Board, at their meeting in Savannah, to enter the foregoing amount of $926 40, as received on Mr. Cater's Bond. Also, to enter on the same bond, whatever sums have been received on the Notes of Rev. H. Reid, and Dr. Reid, and also, whatever sums may be received.

Resolved 2, That it is deemed expedient by the Board, to take measures immediately to make known to the public, what has been done in this matter, and to bring it to a final close.

In regard to the balance due on the Bond, Mr. Cater asks of the Board a short indulgence. The Committee are satisfied that every reasonable effort will be made by Mr. Cater, to pay this balance, as speedily as possible.

The Committee would therefore recommend, that the Committee of Investment be instructed to grant the indulgence asked, until the meeting of the Board one year from this time.

The Committee on the Library reported, that there are in the Library at present, 735 volumes. That there are on the way here, about 60 volumes purchased by Mr. Howe, and that there has been received a box of books from Mr. Gildersleeve, containing about 300 volumes—Total 1095 volumes. They reported further, that they consider it important for the preservation of the books, that the Library be kept in a room appropriated to that particular purpose, and they recommend that the room hitherto occupied by Professor Howe, be devoted to that object, and used for the accommodation of the Board of Directors, and that it be called the Library and Directors room.

They further recommend, that it be given in charge to Pro-

fessor Howe, to have said room fitted up with the necessary accommodations, the Books moved and arranged, a catalogue carefully prepared, specifying as far as possible, the names of the Donors, and the time when received, according to the direction of the Constitution, and that he be appointed Librarian for the ensuing year.

The foregoing Report was accepted, and adopted.

The Board then had a recess to meet again, at the call of the President.

Saturday evening, half-past 6 o'clock.

The Board met at the call of the President.

On motion Resolved, That it is expedient, that an application be made to the Legislature of this State, at their meeting next year, for an act of Incorporation. Col. Taylor and Mr, Means, were appointed a Committee, to attend to this subject.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of Col. Blanding, reported that they had conferred with him in relation to certain points involved in that communication, and learned from him, that he wished the Board at present, to make no arrangement respecting the interest which shall accrue upon the purchase money of the buildings of the Seminary, that he hopes to raise an amount sufficient to cover that, as well as the principal; but in case he should fail in collecting so much, he wishes the Board to make provision for the payment of this interest, which will be, only equivalent to the payment of rent, for the use of the buildings.

The Committee also recommend, that provision be made by the Board, for the payment of the insurance of the Buildings, as well for the last year, as for succeeding years.

This Report was accepted and adopted.

The Board then had a recess to meet again, at the call of the President.

Monday evening, half-past 6 o'clock.

The Board met at the call of the President.

Mr. J. K. Douglas appeared in the Board. Mr. J. C. Stiles, or in case of his failure, Mr. S. S. Davis, was appointed to preach the next annual Sermon before the Board.

The Secretary reported, that the Synod have this day elected the following persons as members of the Board, for the three years next ensuing, viz:

Rev. Dr. M'Dowell, Rev. Dr. Palmer, Rev. B. Gildersleeve, J. C. Stiles, S. S. Davis, and Dr. A. Church. Ministers. Mr. James K. Douglas, Charles M'Intire, Barrington King, and Wm. Seabrook, Sen. Laymen.

The term of time for which the officers of the Board were appointed, having expired, the Board went into an election of officers for the three years next ensuing, when the Rev. Dr.

Palmer was re-appointed President; Col. Taylor, V. President; and the Rev Dr. M'Dowell, Secretary.

"The subject of the time from which the Professor's salaries are to be dated being called up, it was resolved, that professor Goulding's salary be settled up to the 1st of January next, calculating from the date of his appointment in December, and that the accounts of both the professors be opened from the 1st of January, and that they be paid in regular quarterly payments"

The Committee on the buildings of the Seminary submitted the following resolution, which after some discussion, was adopted:

Resolved, That the rooms in the basement story in the main building in the Seminary, be appropriated to the use of the Students; that they be covered with a plank floor, with the exception of the room heretofore used as an Oratory and recitation room, which shall continue to be used as heretofore.

The Committee on the subject of vacations in the Seminary, and the public examinations of the Students, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved 1, That there be two vacations in the year, the first to commence on the 1st monday in April, and to close on the 3d Monday of the same month; and the 2d, to commence on the 1st monday in August, and to close on the 2d monday in October.

Resolved 2, That the public examination in the Spring be the week preceeding the commencement of the Spring vacation; and in the fall, that it commence on the monday of the same week with the meeting of the Synod.

The Secretary reported, that the Synod have, according to the nomination of this Board, elected the Rev. George Howe, professor of Sacred Literature and Biblical Criticism.

The Board proceeded to make arrangements for the inauguration of professor Howe, when it was on motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Howe be inaugurated on the Thursday proceeding the 1st Monday in April next. The services to be performed in the Presbyterian Church in Columbia; Dr. Palmer, or in case of his failure, Mr. Talmage, was appointed to preach a Sermon on that occasion—and Mr Davis, or in case of his failure, Mr. Pratt was appointed to give a charge to the Professor. Mr. Howe was directed to prepare an inaugural address.

On motion Resolved, That a Committee of seven members of the Board be appointed to attend the public examination of the Seminary.

To attend the next Spring examination, which will take place at the time of Mr. Howe's inauguration. Dr. Palmer, Mr. Talmage, Mr. Davis, Mr. Pratt, Mr. Means, Mr. James, and Col. Taylor, were appointed the Committee.

Dr. McDowell, Mr. Gildersleeve, Mr. Davis, Mr. White, Col. Taylor, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Douglas were appointed a Committee to attend the Fall examination.

Mr. Thomas Legare, Mr. Charles M'Intire, and Dr. McDowell, were appointed a Committee of Investment.

It was stated to the Board, that $800 of the monies collected by Mr. Cater, and for which, he has given his bond to the Board were collected, and paid over for the Professorship to be endowed by the Charleston Union presbytery.

On motion Resolved, That the Committee of Investment be directed, from monies received from Rev. H. Reid's and Dr. Reid's Notes, to invest in such stock as they may deem best—this sum of $800 to be placed to the credit of the Charleston Union Presbytery.

The Rev. Mr. White was continued an Agent of the Seminary within the bounds of the Charleston Union Presbytery.

The Board then had a recess, to meet again at the call of the President.

Tuesday morning, 9 o'clock.

The Board met at the call of the President.

The Committee to prepare a system of By-Laws for the Seminary being called upon, were not prepared to report,

On motion Resolved, That this Committee be discharged, and that Dr. McDowell, Mr. Gildersleeve and Mr. White, be a committee to prepare such a system, and submit it to the Board at their next meeting.

As there is at present no Professor of Theology in the Seminary—and the Constitution prescribes this as a principal study of the 2nd year in the course of studies, it was on motion,

Resolved, That the Professor of Ecclesiastical History, together with the studies more immediately connected with his own department, be requested, for the present year, to instruct the middle class in the department of Christian Theology.

Resolved, That until Col. Abraham Blanding have completed his contract for the buildings of the Seminary, the Districts of this State, in the neighbourhood of Columbia, specified by Col. Blanding, be left to him, and not be visited by an Agent of this Board to collect for the permanent Fund. And further, for the information of those, who were subscribers to the funds of the Seminary in its original form, that such Subscribers be informed, said subscriptions are not considered binding by the Board, unless renewed—or, the subscribers themselves, wish to have them considered binding. And further, that said Subscribers, are at perfect liberty to make of the funds they have subscribed, any disposition they may think proper.

The subject of receiving into the Seminary young men, who have not gone through a regular course of preparatory education, being called up, by request of the Professors, who wished instruction in this matter, it was on motion,

Resolved, That the Professors be at liberty, at their own discretion, to permit young men, who are not prepared to enter upon the regular course, to receive instruction temporarily in either of the classes in the Seminary.

On motion Resolved, That the sum of $3,500 be appropriated for the Contingent expenses of the coming year, to commence

with the first day of January, 1832. And that the accounts now due, or that may be due on the 1st of January, be settled, and orders be issued for their payment.

Rev. Dr. Palmer, Dr. Leland, Dr. McDowell, Mr. Gildersleeve, Mr. White, Mr. Thomas Legare, and Mr. Charles McIntire were appointed an Executive Committee for the current year with full powers to act in all matters of the Seminary that may be submitted to them, and require attention during the recess of the Board. And the same Committee are required to report their proceedings to the Board at their next annual meeting.

On motion Resolved, That Col. Taylor, Mr. Douglas and Dr. McDowell, be a Committee to wait on Col. Blanding, and obtain from him a change in the title for the buildings and land of the Seminary, which will secure to the Board, for the benefit of the Seminary, whatever improvements they may make on said property.

Dr. McDowell, and Mr. Gildersleeve, were appointed to publish the minutes of the present meeting of the Board in connection with the minutes of Synod, and in such other way as they may deem expedient.

The Board then adjourned, to meet in the Lecture room of the Presbyterian Church in the city of Augusta, on the Wednesday preceeding the third Thursday in November next, at 7 o'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

B. M. PALMER, D. D., *President.*
Col. JOHN TAYLOR, *V. President.*
W. A. McDOWELL, *Secretary.*
WM. LAW, Esq. (of Columbia,) *Treasurer.*

Directors for three years from December 1831.

MINISTERS.—B. M. Palmer, D. D.; W. A. McDowell, D. D.; B. Gildersleeve; Alonzo Church, D D.; J. C. Stiles; S. S. Davis.

LAYMEN.—James K. Douglas; Charles McIntire; Barrington King; and William Seabrook, Sen.

Directors for two years from December 1831.

MINISTERS.—H. S. Pratt; R. W. James; J. B. Davies; S. K. Talmage; R. Means, and M. Dickson.

LAYMEN.—Col. John Taylor; Joseph Cumming; David R. Evans, and Robert Cunningham.

Directors for one year, from December 1831.

MINISTERS.—A. W. Leland, D. D.; M. Waddel, D. D.; A. Williams; J. Cousar; E. White; N. Hoyt.

LAYMEN.—Thomas Legare; Joseph H. Lumpkin; William Dearing, and B. E. Hand.